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14th ANNUAL SPIRIT OF THE HARVEST POWWOW



Newsletter editor photo.

Pictured above is Jailyn Shelifoe, one of the young shawl dancers who participated in the fancy shawl exhibition.



Newsletter editor photo.

Women's Traditional and Jingle Dress Dancers, Peggy Shelifoe, Robelle Degenauer, and April Lindala.

Michigan Technological University's AISES held their Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at the Student Development Center located on the Michigan Technological University Campus. Lori Muhlig, Multicultural Affairs Native American Outreach Coordinator and a KBIC member, led the group in organizing the 14th annual event.

This year's events began on Thursday, October 22 in the Baraga and L'Anse Middle Schools. The assembly presentation featured Lowery Begay, World Renown Hoop Dancer from the Navajo Nations. Assisting Hoop Dancer Lowery was Raymond Gauthier Tolonen from the Baraga Area Schools. Children from Baraga School ended their day by participating in a mini-powwow with Michigan Tech students and Lowery Begay.



Baraga school staff photo.

Pictured above is Raymond Gauthier Tolonen with World Renown Hoop Dancer Lowery Begay.

Lowery Begay, Head Male Veteran Dancer led the KBIC Color Guard at the twelve noon grand entry. Lawrence Williams served as the Head Male Dancer; Linda Cohen served as the Head Female Dancer; Robert Voakes served as Head Youth Male Dancer; Jade Chaudier (Miss Keweenaw Bay) served as Head Youth Female Dancer; Jake Swaney served as Head Male AISES Dancer; and Jessica Koski served as Head Female AISES Dancer. Drumming and songs were provided by Four Thunders who served as Host Drum along with invited drums Loon Travelers and Summer Cloud. Robert Rajacic served as Arena Director and Stanley Spruce kept thing rolling along smoothly as Emcee. The afternoon brought an appearance from Hoop Dancer Lowery Begay and a Pink Shawl Honor Song. Participi-

pants enjoyed a 6:00 p.m. feast before heading to the Crystal Shawanda concert who was the headline featured performer for this year's event. Crystal Shawanda performed in full concert at the Rozsa Center.

A Speakers' Forum was also held on Friday, October 23 which included various speakers. Earl Otchingwanigan spoke about the Anishinaabe language, Keenan Quarter played the violin, Jessica Koski spoke to the audience about navigating through college, a Hoop Dance was performed by Lowery Begay, and Crystal Shawanda ended the day with a motivational talk and a preview of her singing concert.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a significant and proud sponsor of the Annual Harvest Powwow held at Michigan Technological University.

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President
Toni Minton, Secretary
William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- November 7, 2009, Tribal Council meeting
- 14th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow
- KBIC Primary Election Results
- KBOCC Hosts International Recruiters
- KBIC Youth Attend NCAI meeting
- Marquette Youth Enjoys Halloween parties
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for November
- Drug Conviction Report
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

Photo by Stanley Spruce.



Ojibwe Canadian Country Star, Crystal Shawanda, in concert at MTU.

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 7, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Vice President LaFernier shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for October 2009, by President Swartz (see page three), Vice President Susan LaFernier (see page two), Secretary Toni Minton (see page five), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan (see page four), and CEO Larry Denomie (see page eight). Council passed Department Head Reports for September 2009.

Zena Huhta addressed the Council under open business with a request for financial assistance in setting up her recently purchased wood stove. She has purchased a FEMA trailer and is concerned with the costs for heating her home which has electric heat. Consensus of the Council was for Zena's request to be brought to the Ojibwa Housing Authority's Board meeting next Tuesday. She was given the option to address the Council at their next scheduled meeting if needed.

Vice President LaFernier and CEO Larry Denomie gave an update on the Wellness Task Force. The committee has been having monthly meetings with our Blue Cross representative. The group has been enthusiastic and has many great ideas that our employees will be seeing in the near future such as healthy cooking recipes, weight management and stress reduction programs, fitness memberships/discounts, and healthy options in our vending machines. The Wellness Program naming contest was held with 12 entries from employees. The Task Force picked three entries and combined them for a new name and logo. The official name will be W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program). The three winners (Paul Halverson-Newday, Norma Kokko-Accounting, and Mary Linden-Health Clinic) will receive a three month OCC Fitness Center certificate. The logo is being developed, which includes a medicine wheel and the quotes: Mino-Bimaadizi "Live Well"; Mind, Body, Spirit, Culture, Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention; and "Harmony in Health". The Committee is currently working on receiving quotes for conducting health screenings which will be a considerable expense. Also the Committee is working on developing a calendar for events happening relating to exercise and wellness in the community. The committee has developed a mission statement: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan suggested Council form a Tobacco Task Force consisting of three or four Council members (Jennifer Misegan, Michael LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Elizabeth Mayo expressed interest) and other interested individuals from the Tribe, including CEO Larry Denomie, Economic Developer Greg Nominelli, and Pine's manager, Patricia Gerard. The task force will work with nation to nation trade, ciga-

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009.

Activities Reported by the Vice President, Susan LaFernier, for the month of October 2009.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I have emphasized all year that every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year was "Commit to Conserve" Campaign. There are simple, everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year's theme, "A Sustainable Energy Future. Putting All the Pieces Together" encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a larger puzzle fitting into the big picture, shaping our energy future, and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water everyday. "It is our responsibility: Tribe's, residents, municipalities, businesses and visitors to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) water, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our lives."

The Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk was held on October 9, and was absolutely wonderful! All of our communities participated, and a great thank you to everyone who made this event possible. I know that her family greatly appreciates all of the hard work, caring, and love that was shown and given.

I and five others had the distinct pleasure to attend the Grand River Enterprises Six Nations, Ltd. Appreciation Gala held at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas on October 13-16, 2009. It was an event to remember as one of the giveaway prizes was a white Mercedes Benz car. We also attended a very informational seminar presentation entitled: Legal Perspectives regarding current trends in the Tribal tobacco world.

Thank you to everyone on another great Harvest Feast held on October 17. Everyone enjoyed seeing each other and there was great food as always.

I had the distinct pleasure to be invited to speak at the Obama Administration's National Ocean Policy Interagency Task Force Meeting and Public Listening Session held in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 28, 2009, in regards to the importance of the Great Lakes to the Tribes. This is the sixth and final public session to be held before the final report will be presented in December. The task force of six shall develop recommendations that include: a) a national policy that ensures the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems and resources; b) a United States framework for policy coordination of efforts to improve stewardship of the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes; c) an implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes a set of objectives the U.S. should pursue to meet the objectives of a national policy for the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. I had lunch with one of the task force members, Ms. Tinka Hyde, Di-

rette manufacturing, and work with related ordinance developments, possibly stamping our own cigarettes, etc.

Council member Elizabeth Mayo suggested a program be developed to recognize council members and judges when they pass on. Suggestions made included flags being raised half-staff and presenting their family with the recently purchased wooden tribal symbols to

rector of Water, EPA Region Five (which is our region). I also toured the 1925 ore carrier "William G. Mather" and enjoyed a boat tour of the Cuyahoga River which is being "cleaned up" along Lake Erie. Forty years ago the river started on fire from the steel mill contamination that is located on its banks.

We are still asking if anyone has any information regarding forgotten graves and information on graves that do not have any identification at the Pinery Cemetery to please call me or Summer Cohen. The map will be completed shortly, and we will then meet to discuss the information that is still needed or missing, and we will be ready to go in the spring. For your information, Council has now approved to have the aspen trees cut down from the May fire, and Red Pine trees will be planted in that space.

As we know, on August 18, 2009, the administrative law Judge Patterson issued a proposed decision in our contested case hearing regarding the Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater permit for the Yellow Dog Plains. He held that "the excavation and drilling in the immediate area of Eagle Rock and fencing it off will materially affect its use as a place of worship. This should in some manner be accommodated and would best be done so by relocating the access to the mine to a location that will not interfere with that function." Our written exceptions/comments regarding this decision were sent on October 2, directly to Steven Chester, DEQ Director, who considered the comments and has now made a request for more information regarding Eagle Rock and the legality of the decision. This information will need to be filed by December 7, when he will then make a final determination and order on the permits. Please continue to call/write your elected officials and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance."

Council passed the 2010 budgets on October 5. It will continue to be a challenge in these difficult economic times for all in the coming year especially with our high unemployment rate in Baraga County.

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families, especially on November 11, Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day. Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones, (there have been many in the last year) and for our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area as we prepare for winter. We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States as we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month and November 27 as Native American Heritage Day proclaimed by President Obama (see Proclamation).

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784.

Miigwetch,
Susan LaFernier, Vice President

be engraved with their dates of service and present it at the funeral. Also it should include recognizing council members who have passed. Elizabeth Mayo will work on developing a policy for Council.

Council moved into closed session with Attorney John Baker, CEO Larry Denomie, and President Swartz on the agenda.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009.

Activities Reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the last few months. President’s report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

Early in the month, as Jennifer noted, we met with the Governor’s office down in St. Ignace. She did a great job of informing you of our intentions while there. It was not our intent to argue over the specific facts and circumstance, as Jennifer noted, for Tribal members and for the Tribe to purchase goods and services on the reservation and trust lands. It became real apparent at the beginning of the meeting that Mr. Fratske from the Michigan Treasury Department wasn’t going to budge. He was there to discuss facts and circumstances, and we were there to discuss how we could come up with policy and procedures on how we could get tax exempt goods from the state. He wasn’t budging, we weren’t budging, and we agreed to disagree and packed up the tent and headed back west.

I was involved in the Open House with the Dreamcatcher Project and the newly remodeled activity center on October 15. We invited Senator Stabenow to come to this event as this was our second four-year phase of our Dreamcatcher Project and Family Literacy for the community. This isn’t to be confused with our other starts, such as Headstart, Healthstart, Great Start, etc. It’s important to note that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Even Start is the only Tribal Even Start in Michigan and is one of four in the nation. Our grant was announced through Debbie Stabenow’s office in August, so we invited her to attend this celebration of the opening of our new grant and renovated facility.

I also approved a lease with USDA with Mike Applecamp for the building that is up in the Tribe’s Industrial Park.

Councilman Fred Dakota, Chief Judge Brad Dakota, and I attended a seminar in Albuquerque, New Mexico, regarding sovereignty protection. It was a wonderful conference, I learned a lot. Fred was an active participant, and he had a lot to say. People listened, we listened, and we all came out with more respect of sovereignty and how we can protect sovereignty in the future. One of the notes made in that conference is Indian Tribes have to utilize or use their sovereignty; otherwise they are going to lose it. We also received an overview of the Indian Civil Rights Act, the independence of Tribal justice systems, the separation of powers, the status of the sovereignty immunity defense in Tribal Court, sovereignty of Indian Tribes, the sovereignty immunity defense, judicial independence, separation of powers of the Tribal Court and the legislative branch of the Tribal Council, and how to protect sovereignty.

Later in the month, I attended a Department of Justice listening session on public safety and law enforcement. As most of you know, the Department of Justice bears the

weight of responsibility to work with sovereign Indian Tribes in combating crime and ensuring safety of American Indian families. They convened a Tribal listening session in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Chief of Police Dale Dakota and I attended it which was held October 28-29. We informed them that we need more money for Tribal Police, Tribal Court, and Detention facilities. We instructed the US Attorneys with Indian Country jurisdiction to increase the priority given to prosecution of Indian Country crime. We asked them to increase the number of FBI agents assigned in Indian Country, to establish an office of Indian crime in the criminal division, to support immediate amendments in the Adam Walsh Act, to relieve the inequitable treatment of Tribal governments, and create an effective sexual offender registration system on Indian reservations. Until then, we noted the Bureau of Prisons should fully comply with its statutory duty to register sex offenders released from Federal prisons. We talked about the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, and we discussed a number of other issues with them. Problems that we experience here on our reservation are not unique to our reservation. All of Indian Country is experiencing the same problems that we are. If you’re going to mandate something to the Tribe, such as the Adam Walsh Act, where they say we have to register and track sex offenders; there is a huge burden placed on the community. It costs money to track those sex offenders. You’re talking DNA testing, access to the Michigan Law Enforcement Information Network, and there are a lot of unfunded mandates in the Adam Walsh Act that Tribes aren’t prepared to fully fund. So one of the main concerns for Tribes was if you’re going to mandate something to Tribes, give them the funding, so they can follow through on the requested requirements. The Department of Justice heard that loud and clear from Indian Country.

As Jennifer reported, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act is going to be included in the Health Care Reform Bill, and as I was watching the news this morning, they may be voting on that issue this morning. Our health facility is funded at about 28% of the need, and the rest, 72%, comes from the Tribe. We need to have more money given to the Tribe, so we can take care of our people. In addition to that, the Federal Government can own up to their trust responsibilities to the Indian people of this nation. They have the trust responsibility to take care of us. I want to keep them on their toes. From what I understand, the FY10 budget has an increase of 13% to Indian Health Services which is a good start, but it is not enough. Hopefully, they can seriously look at the underfunding of the Indian Health Care in Indian Country and fully fund that trust responsibility that they do have.

I just returned from a White House Tribal Nations Conference held at the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. It was held at

Sidney R. Yates Auditorium, and we heard opening remarks from Dept. of Interior Secretary Kent Salazar. There was a presentation of colors by the Navajo Code Talkers, and we heard from the President of the National Congress of American Indians, Jefferson Keel, who had the distinct honor of introducing President Obama. It was wonderful to see the President having a meeting and listening session with Tribal Leaders. It was a historic event as it was the first time this has ever happened, and I was proud to be there to represent the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. After President Obama made his opening statement, he heard from a number of Tribal leaders. Later we had breakout sessions and interactive discussions. The first discussion was on economic development, natural resources, energy, environment, and agriculture. If we didn’t get a chance to speak, we were given an opportunity to list some of our suggestions on cards which were given to the President’s secretaries. I told them about the Kennecott Eagle Mine and that we need some help up here protecting our environment because we have the largest fresh water supply in the world, and we need to protect that. If other jurisdictions aren’t going to assist us with that, then we need to seek some help from elsewhere. There was another interactive discussion regarding public safety and housing. We heard from Deputy General David Ogden, Deputy Secretary Ron Sims, Dept. of Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Jane Holl. A number of other individuals were there including U.S. Representatives Stephanie Herseth Sandlin and Tom Cole, who are both Congressional Native Caucus Representatives. Another interactive discussion on education, health care and labor was held. Panelists included Dept. of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Dept. of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Dept. of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and Indian Health Services Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux. I was able to speak with Dr. Yvette Roubideaux to let her know the top three priorities the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has regarding our health services here on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Reservation. I had the list prepared by Health Director, Carole LaPointe, and I was able to give Dr. Yvette Roubideaux the document. She said that she would look at that and stated that she appreciated that we had input into that. Later we heard closing sessions from President Obama.

President Obama signed a proclamation naming November—National Native American Heritage Month. (See page eleven).

I had been on the road most of the month, and I’m grateful for Vice President LaFerner and Secretary Toni Minton for taken over the duties in my absence, and I sure appreciate that.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President

OJIBWA SENIORS HAVE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens held a Halloween Party on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 2009. Many of the seniors dressed for the occasion. 1st place went to Veronica Adams,

2nd place went to Pat Pillsbury, and 3rd place went to Sandy Pittsley. Seniors enjoyed a pot luck dinner and participated in games.

~ Submitted by newsletter editor.

Reminder: Every time you use the library, you may put your name in for the drawing to win snowshoes. If you've never been to the library, now is your chance to get a library card which entitles you to two chances immediately for the snowshoes. Good Luck!





DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Bruce Denomie, case # 09-065, controlled substance (sale) - 1st offense

Factual basis: I'd been drinking, and these two kids were looking for some drugs, and I ended up making something up, drywall, and sold it to them.

Sentenced on 09/17/2009 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. 12 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 180 days jail, 90 days suspended, credit for 43 days served plus 22 days served in the Iron County Jail. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging. In the event that the Defendant is released from the Iron County Jail before 22 days are served, the remaining jail time will be suspended.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
5. The Defendant is to continue in the ATR program and attend the weekly movie associated with this program.
6. The Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be responsible for the costs of those tests.
7. The Defendant is to seek employment and provide the Probation Officer with proof of that search.
8. The Defendant is to have no contact with Robert Ekdahl, Nicolas Derenzo or Dylan Tallman.

Aaron McGeshick White, case # 09-213, controlled substance (possession) - 1st offense

Factual basis: I was in possession of opiates (Anexsia). I did not have a prescription for it.

Sentenced on 09/23/2009 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. 12-24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 90 days jail, credit for 30 days served, 60 days suspended. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.

Dave Varline, case # 09-246, controlled substance (use) - 2nd offense

Factual basis: Defendant failed a drug test. I used all three of these drugs: marijuana, cocaine and Oxycodone. I did not have a prescription for the Oxycodone.

Sentenced on 10/15/2009 to:

1. \$1000 fine. Fifty percent of fine will be suspended upon successful completion of inpatient treatment and aftercare.
2. 18-24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 120 days jail, 120 days suspended pending admission of inpatient treatment. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, if any.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

Derek Gauthier, case # 09-249, controlled substance (use) - 2nd offense

Factual basis: I failed my drug test for morphine and marijuana because I used those substances.

Sentenced on 10/21/2009 to:

1. \$1000 fine. 50% of this fine may be suspended if the Defendant successfully completes inpatient treatment and aftercare.
2. 18 to 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended with credit for 60 days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging..

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OCTOBER 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT.

The budget process for Fiscal Year 2010 was a very difficult one and was finally concluded on October 5. After reviewing the budgets for each business and department, Council made many changes, corrections and even some additions. Miigwetch to our accounting staff, managers, department heads, and budget committee for all the work that was put into them. Now the hard work of living within them and up to them starts.

The Tribal Council approved the following donations for the month of October:

- Bethel United Pentecost Church (Annual Thanksgiving Dinner)—\$200.
- Four Thunder Drum Group (Drum and speak at Gwinn Schools)—\$250.
- Ishpeming Salvation Army (Christmas donation)—\$5,000.
- The Daily Mining Gazette (Newspapers in Education)—\$300.
- MiWater Ballot Initiative (Petition drive to put proposal on the ballot)—\$2,000.
- Glad Tidings Assembly of God (Purchase sleeping bags of homeless)—\$250.
- Project Graduation—Marquette Senior High—\$500.
- Jeanne Kauppila (Chaperone International Club trip)—\$300.
- D. Jacobetti Veterans Center (Purchase items for Christmas gift bags)—\$2,000.
- Toys For Tots—\$5,000.
- L'Anse High School Yearbook (Full page ad to include our Tribal seniors)—\$175.

I attended a meeting along with President Swartz, Councilman Dakota, and John Baker in St. Ignace on October 6 and 7 with John Wernet from the Governor's office and Walter Fratske from the Michigan Treasury Department. The purpose of the meeting was to come up with standards and procedures for Tribal members and the Tribe to purchase goods and services on the reservation and trust lands exempt from state sales tax. Unfortunately, we were unable to come to an understanding due to the fact that we have differences on what we believe the law to be. We did discuss some offsets that were made by the state of some Federal payments, and we are hoping to have this issue settled without having to go back to court.

It was an honor for me to participate in the First Annual Memorial Walk for Chelsey LaFernier to promote awareness for Domestic Violence. The community participation was outstanding and very encouraging. It was a very moving event. The organizers did a wonderful job and are to be commended.

On October 11, Councilman Curtis and I traveled to Palm Springs, California, to attend the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention. I had the pleasure of chaperoning along with Cheryne Clements, Youth Director, three young Tribal Leaders. This was the first year that KBIC participated in the Youth Track of

the convention. The Youth Committee sponsored an essay contest, and Tashina Emery Kauppila, Ginger Shelifoe, and Deena Misegan were chosen. It was a great experience for the girls, and it was nice to get to know all of them. We attended several general sessions where we heard speakers such as Jose Garcia, NCAI President, Richard Milanovich, Chairman of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahulla Indians, Steve Pougnet, Palm Springs Mayor, and Kim Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs. We participated in the National Native American Health and Fitness Walk and NCAI's General Elections as well as our Mid-west area caucus and election of a representative.

The youth had their own sessions that were led by the NCAI Youth Commissioners and Ambassadors. They heard several motivational speakers including Ernie Stevens, NIGA Chairman and Native Actor Adam Beach. They had the opportunity to make suggestions on a bill regarding unplanned pregnancy and also heard from colleges and universities around the country that are recruiting Native Americans. Our youth did very well. They interacted with Tribal leaders and youth from all over the country, and learned about the vast amount of opportunities that are available to them. They were drilled on the importance of sovereignty and the Federal Government's trust responsibility. The girls spoke up in front of the adults in one of the breakout sessions. They are three exceptional young ladies, and I was proud of them.

The breakout sessions that I attended included Transforming Our Economic Future: Matching Tribal Priorities with Economic Opportunities, Roadmap to Tribal IV-E: Key Strategies for Readiness and Implementation and Sovereign Government, and Federal Tax Policy: A Tribal Leader Dialogue with the Administration. I gathered a lot of information, and I have distributed some already to the appropriate departments. These conventions are a great opportunity to learn about legislation that is being worked on, where it is in the Federal system, and what it means to Indian Country. There was a lot of discussion this year on Health Care Reform. Unfortunately, in the House, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act has been tied to the controversial Health Care Reform Act. Because of this, Tribes are being urged to support it with little thought given to what it is going to cost Tribes as business owners. As it stands today, it also includes language regarding the payment and availability of abortions that goes against our traditions and culture.

Preparations have begun for the Christmas Gift Check distribution for Baraga and Marquette Counties. The deadline to submit all address changes is Thursday, November 12. The profits from the sale of tobacco products sold, which includes the Pines, Gift Shop and the Marquette Casino, will be distributed.

As always, if there are any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call, e-mail or stop by.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

4. The Defendant must follow all the recommendations of his substance abuse screening and all other recommendations until successfully completed, which includes entering a long term halfway house or treatment program, that will be followed up by an intensive outpatient program.
5. The Defendant may only have two visitors; his mother and grandmother, while in treatment.
6. The Defendant is subject to twice weekly and random drug testing while in treatment.
7. The Defendant is to sign a letter stating that he has a substance abuse problem and shall not be prescribed narcotic pain medications.
8. The Defendant is to enroll with Michigan Works and TERO for a job search and submit proof of that job search weekly to the Probation Officer.

~ submitted by Tribal Court

National Indian Education Association endorses DETS: *Health Is Life in Balance*: KBIC and KBOCC educators attend 40th Annual NIEA Meeting

At its 2009 annual meeting, the National Indian Education Association officially endorsed the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools (DETS): *Health*



Is Life in Balance curriculum. The membership of the nation's largest and oldest Indian education association voted that the NIEA "supports and endorses the *Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools Curriculum: Health Is Life in Balance* (K-12) for all American Indian, Alaska Native (AI/AN), and Hawaiian Native students, including those attending public schools and urges adoption of the DETS K-12 curriculum throughout Native American communities as well as the rest of the nation." The association further resolved to encourage libraries, colleges, universities, and other institutions that have collections of Native American educational resources to include the curriculum and refer it to teachers.

KBIC educators, including Headstart Director Terri Denomie and tutors Helen Jondreau, Shellie

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SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009.

In October 2009, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting and six Special Council Meetings. The Regular Council Meeting was held on October 3, 2009, and is covered in the November 2009 Tribal Newsletter.

At the council meeting held September 1, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Agreed to pay \$100 monthly for John Hellyer's cell phone for one year;
- Agreed not to allow trailers in the Beartown Housing Development;
- Agreed to extend the FEMA trailer deadline for Gary Magnant;
- Continued FY10 budget review;
- Approved a donation of \$264.50 for Barbara Knipp for her porta potty rental;
- Approved an amendment to the Client Agreement for Claims Processing Services for the 4D Pharmacy;
- Approved the Special Counsel Contract with Dorsey and Whitney;
- Approved the purchase of an excavator for Tribal Construction in the amount of \$89,900 to be repaid to the Tribe over five years.

At the council meeting held October 5, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Council proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month;
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget;
- Increased the Student Sovereignty Fund to \$800 per semester for full-time students and \$400 per semester for part-time students;
- Approved a 1% raise for employees effective on their anniversary date;
- Approved Christmas Gift Checks in the amount of \$800 for Baraga and Marquette per the Tobacco Ordinance.

At the council meeting held October 8, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of June 12, 2009;
- Approved an additional donation of \$87.50 for Carol Koski's septic repair;
- Denied the request for \$5,000 from ITC to defray the costs of the Tuition Waiver and Child Care Programs;
- Approved the purchase of wood carved KBIC logos from Lohmann Woodcarving in the amount of \$17,400;
- Denied the request of Diane Waara for funding for Cosmetology School;
- Approved Resolution KB1714-2009 RD Curtis Residential Lease and Resolution KB1715-2009 Bobbi Jo Loonsfoot Residential Lease;
- Amended the Job Reclassification Policy;
- Approved the 2009-2010 Holidays as December 24, 25, 28, 31, and January 1, for Government employees;
- Agreed to include step-parents in the emergency funding policy;

- Approved Lauri Denomie's contract for the Tribal Newsletter.

At the council meeting held October 22, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Directed the Ojibwa Housing Authority to provide Council with monthly financials of Housing and their businesses;
- Approved the bid of Big Valley Ford in the amount of \$24,938 for a maintenance plow truck;
- Agreed to have TERO move forward with applying for an Americorp planning grant;
- Approved the bid of Big Valley Ford in the amount of \$18,305 for a truck to be purchased by the General Fund and leased to the BIA;
- Approved the purchase of a scanner in the amount of \$11,895 out of the ANA Land Use Grant from Palisades Research;
- Approved the Joint Funding Agreement with the US Geological Survey for operation and maintenance of three stream gauges in the Yellow Dog Plains;
- Approved the Fish Health Inspection Agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service;
- Approved the Christmas Check Gift Timeline;
- Approved the Mark Pruchniewski Services Agreement for sports reporting services for the radio station;
- Approved the Jennie Lynn Weiger Consultant Agreement to provide Title IV-E consulting services for Tribal Social Services;
- Approved the CEDS list additions;
- Denied the snowplowing request of Helen Tollefson per the policy.

At the council meeting held October 23, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation of up to \$1,200 for Chris Voakes for auto repair;
- Agreed to have the Veterans develop a program to assist returning service men and women.

At the council meeting held October 29, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of June 18, 2009;
- Approved payment of the November 11 flight of Barbara Mantila for medical travel;
- Approved Resolution KB1716-2009 for the Beartown Firefighters Cooperative Agreement and MOU;
- Introduced and waived the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2009-03—Amendment to Ordinance 2004-001 KBIC Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Gathering Code;
- Held an informal review of Proposed Gaming Commission and Gaming Regulatory Ordinance 2009-05.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Secretary

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA (Effective October 1, 2009)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each additional member	+ \$312	+ \$390

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

* Cannot be on food stamps.

KBOCC Hosts International Recruiters



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College had the pleasure of welcoming six international recruiters for a campus visit on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Miriam Moeller, Northern Michigan University's International Program Specialist, brought Doreen John from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Martin Kanjadza from Lilongwe, Malawi; Tim Wright from Mexico City, Mexico; Seemi Khosa from Islamabad, Pakistan; Claudia Sanchez from Maracaibo, Venezuela; and Liisi Lembinen from Tartu, Estonia; to learn about Tribal Colleges. The recruiters have been attending a U.S. based training program for overseas educational advisors across America through the College Board and Education USA and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The visit opened with a greeting between the

Denomie, and Beth Dix participated in the 40th Annual Meeting of the National Indian Education Association in Milwaukee October 21 through 25. In addition to the business meeting of the association, the conference included professional development workshops on topics ranging from language instruction to maintaining school discipline to developing college programs and scholarships. Cultural presentations abounded, with a tour of the Indian Community School of Milwaukee, the 5th Annual Forest County Potawatomi Hunting Moon Powwow, daily opening ceremonies, and many workshops on language and culture. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was a sponsor of the 2009 annual meeting.

KBOCC's DESTINY program represented the DETS: *Health Is Life in Balance* curriculum, staffing an exhibit table with Leech Lake Tribal College's DETs outreach staff. Dr. Lynn Aho and Dr. Lemyra DeBruyn, of the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control Native Diabetes Wellness Program presented a research forum session on the use of educational evaluation in the development of the curriculum. Dr. Aho also collaborated with the Eagle Books program to co-present a session on Eagle Books Community Events. The session fea-

tured last year's Eagle Books Family Fun Fest as the premiere community outreach event.

The National Indian Education Association is a membership based organization committed to increasing educational opportunities and resources for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students while protecting our cultural and linguistic traditions. Incorporated in 1970, NIEA strives to keep Indian Country moving toward educational equity. Governed by a Board of Directors made up of twelve representatives, the NIEA has several committees that work to ensure native educators and students are represented in various educational institutions and forums throughout Indian Country and Washington, D.C. In addition to the resolution supporting the DETS curriculum, NIEA's policy issues for 2009 included seven proposed resolutions supporting various aspects of teaching Native Languages. One to establish an American Indian University Task Force, several supporting educational funding, and one to eliminate race-based Indian logos, mascots, and names.

~ submitted by Dr. Lynn Aho

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for November 2009

New Employee

Youth Attend National Congress of American Indians Convention



Wanda Sepanen is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for November. Wanda was nominated by a co-worker who stated: "Wanda did a fantastic job on the Chelsea Memorial Walk. I think she did a great job in showing the community and making them more aware of Domestic Violence. I took my three granddaughters with me, and they had a lot of questions after the event, and we talked about it. If we save one of our children in the future, all the effort will be well worth it. We never really get to see what Wanda does on a daily basis, so this was an eye opener. Thanks again for a wonderful walk."

Wanda received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the Employee of the Month. Congratulations Wanda!



Keith Rolof was recently hired as an Accounts Payable Clerk. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology. He was born and raised in Baraga County and is the son of Bill Rolof, Jr. and Jean Swartz. Keith worked at the credit union, interned at Lake Accounting, and worked on a project with Kimberly Clark's International Tax Department throughout his college career. He plans on pursuing his CPA license and MBA within the next year. He is thrilled to be working in the accounting office with the Tribe and to stay in the area. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, snowmobiling, working on his car, and bowling.



L-R: Cheryne Clements (Youth Director), Tashina Emery Kauppila, Joe Garcia (NCAI President), Deena Misegan, Ginger Shelifoe, and Jennifer Misegan (Tribal Council Rep.)

During the Month of October three KBIC youth, Tashina Emery Kauppila, Ginger Shelifoe, and Deena Misegan, got the opportunity to travel to Palm Springs, California, to attend the National Congress of American Indians Convention. At the convention, the youth got to sit in on the NCAI Youth Commission meetings which touched base with various topics such as Youth Community Involvement and The Unplanned Pregnancy Bill. The girls got to meet Native American actor, Adam Beach, and listened to a motivational talk from Sam McCracken, GM for Native Business of Nike U.S.A. The three youth did a great job representing KBIC.

~ submitted by Youth Director

Marquette Youth Enjoy Halloween Parties

KBIC members located in Marquette County held their Halloween Dance for teens on Friday, October 23, 2009, and their Halloween party for the youth on Sunday, October 25, 2009. Carrie Ashbrook stepped forward and organized both events with some assistance from other community members. Keith Ashbrook manned the DJ duties for the dance with equipment rented from Jim's Music of Marquette. Teenagers were served punch and pizza. Picture (left) showed below are of teens who attended in costume. At the youth party, prizes were given by age category: Birth to 2-yr-old: 1st—Hunter Verboczki (Spiderman), 2nd—Rion Fontaine (bunny); 3-5-yr-old: 1st—Savanna Verboczki (bride), 2nd—Zoe Hamalainen (gypsy), 3rd—Conner Mager (Batman); 6-8-yr-old: 1st—Kimber Shelafoe (witch), 2nd—Beau Mager (pirate), 3rd—Sean Seymour (skeleton); 9-yr-old and older: 1st—Taylor Shelafoe (dead cheerleader), 2nd—Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila (Cleopatra), 3rd—Kendrick Harper (ghoul). Youth participated in a number of games for prizes and enjoyed a meal of spaghetti, chips, bars, and punch. All attendees received a pumpkin and candy to take home.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Newsletter editor photo.



Newsletter editor photo.

L-R, Savannah Seymour (pumpkin), Rachel Chorbonneau (cow), Cheyenne Duquette (cheerleader), Shaun Duquette (clown), Jordan Seymour (pumpkin).

L-R, Beau Mager (pirate), Kimber Shelafoe (witch), Kaitlyn Shelafoe (bride), Dale Madosh (lagoon creature), Sean Seymour (skeleton).



Carrie Ashbrook photo.



Newsletter editor photo.

"Do you like my pumpkin?" Connor Mager.

Cakewalk — Kimber Shelafoe (witch), Connor Mager, Taylor Shelafoe (dead cheerleader).

The Baraga KBIC Halloween dance and party was cancelled due to the outbreak of flu-like illnesses in our community. KBIC Youth Programs handed out Treat Bags during Baraga Village Halloween hours at the Niiwin Akeaa Youth Center.

KBIC PRIMARIY ELECTION RESULTS



Newsletter editor photo.

Pictured above KBIC Voters register with Election Workers.

KBIC voters cast their ballots on Saturday, October 31, 2009, at the Primary Elections. Voters were to vote for two candidates in their district. L'Anse District poll was located the Zeba Methodist Church, and Baraga District poll was located at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. The top four candidates in each district will progress on to the General Election being held in December 12, 2009. Results of the Primary Election are as follows:

Baraga District:	
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.)	107
Debbie Parrish	89
Jerry Lee Curtis (Inc.)	80
Donny Shalifoe, Sr.	70
Sandra L. Pittsley	66
Debi Williamson	36
Robin Chosa	31
Gary A. Mayo	8
L'Anse District:	
Susan J. LaFerner (Inc.)	81
Eddy Michael Edwards	65
Jennifer Misegan (Inc.)	57
JoAnne Racette	37
Evelyn Ravindran	13
Rose "Missy" Picard	12
Colleen DeRoche	6
James Welsh	5
Monica Emery Kohn	3

~ submitted by newsletter editor

CEO’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009.

Activities Reported by the CEO Larry Denomie for the month of October 2009.

Fiscal year 2010 budgets were approved by Council on October 5. All departments and entities have been issued their approved budgets which included a 1% wage increase for all regular status employees of the Tribe.

The Wellness Task Force continues to meet and develop plans to be implemented. As stated last month, funds will be needed for a successful program. The potential for grant funding has presented itself and a letter of intent to apply has been submitted. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Adult and Community Health has Recovery Act funds available to reduce risk factors, prevent or delay chronic disease and promote wellness. The initiative is entitled *Communities Putting Prevention To Work* addresses obesity, physical activity, and nutrition. The level of funding available for Tribes is \$500,000 to \$1.2 million. Carole LaPointe brought the opportunity forward and will be leading development of the grant application through the Tribe's grant office. If funded, the grant will provide for implementation of approaches such as policies, systems, and environmental changes in both communities and schools of the population that the Tribe's Health Department currently serves. The funding will provide funding for at least two, possibly three, new jobs including a Coordinator to manage the program. The deadline to apply is December 1, and we are hopeful that we can develop an application to submit in time. We will report more on this topic as the process moves forward.

The first Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk took place on October 9. October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Tribe also passed a proclamation as well. A group of Tribal grandmothers did develop an awareness ad; unfortunately, there were problems that occurred with trying to get air time on the Tribe's radio stations to get their message out. This was due in part to internal staff communication problems, radio programming guidelines, and follow through issues. I want to apologize to the grandmothers who worked hard at getting their message out for not staying on top of the issue and that we will make sure that the message is there next year. The walk was well attended and organized, and everyone who was involved is to be commended for their time and dedication to the very moving event. It is hoped that a clear and concise message was sent across the region that domestic violence will not be tolerated nor ignored.

On October 12, I attended, along with other KBIC staff and Ojibwa Housing staff, a meeting regarding the former Winkler Nursing

Home facility. Eddy Edwards of OHA planned the meeting after being contacted by the Baraga County Board of Commissioners who will acquire the facility along with the current Baraga County Hospital once the new hospital is completed in the summer of 2011. The county doesn't have a need for a former nursing home facility and has indicated that they would be interested in the Tribe taking the facility. As reported last month, Vicki Dompier of Ojibwa Housing along with other staff of the Tribe has been working with the Corporation for Sustainable Housing to develop plans for the needy in our community. A work session will be conducted November 23 and 24 to aid moving forward with developing plans where the facility may be needed by the Tribe. We will report further on this subject in the coming months.

October 13-16 myself, Vice President LaFerner, Lynn Haataja, General Manager for the Baraga Casino and Resort, Trish Gerard and Suzy Kahkonen, management of the Pines Convenience Store, and Dawn Rivord, who oversees the snack shop at the Tribe's Harvey Casino, traveled to Las Vegas to attend a gala event we were invited to by the Seneca Tobacco Company, who paid a majority of the expenses. The event was put on to thank the customers of their company whom nearly 700 folks were in attendance. The event also provided a short session which provided information relating to the status of processes in the tobacco manufacturing, marketing, and distribution in Indian Country. The information learned will be very useful in moving forward with the Tribe's plans to manufacture their own tobacco products. More information regarding this opportunity will be provided in the coming months.

Work is progressing on the finalizing of the Ojibwa Community College's Memorandum of Agreement. The document provides language which places requirements on the annual funding provided to the college which totals approximately \$600,000 for FY10. The agreement also stipulates what is provided by KBIC along with the funding. Since the college has attained initial candidacy status, the Tribe will be working toward breaking remaining ties other than funding in the next two years, aiding in their process to achieve accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission. We are planning on having a draft document ready for approval in early November.

Council approved upgrades of equipment at the Pines totaling nearly a quarter of a million dollars recently. The upgrades are necessary to meet new compliance regulations regarding credit card transactions but will also enhance the operation. Customers will soon be able to utilize their debit cards at the pumps. Also part of the upgrades includes the installation of TV monitors at the pumps. The

interactive screens will allow better marketing of the store as well as offer cross marketing opportunities for other businesses including the Tribe's Casinos and related businesses. It is hoped that the installation will take place prior to the end of 2009.

The Headstart and Early Headstart Programs are undergoing growing conditions at their location in Zeba. The former Ojibwa Housing Annex building is being renovated to expand the number of children being served as well as adding classrooms, upgrades to the current facility, and the purchase of a new bus. The upgrades and renovations are being handled by ITC through grant funding they have received.

The Tribe has also recently approved moving forward with plans on the concept of having two early education facilities serving Zero through five year olds. A wrap around program will be developed for both locations where both will serve children with services of daycare before and after Headstart and Early Headstart programming. The services will take place within the same classroom at the same location to prevent children from having to move from site to site and room to room. Grant funds and required matching Tribal funds, totaling \$1.6 million, will be used to build a new facility in Baraga which will be added on the Community Center. We will report further on this project in the coming months.

The Tribe has selected and approved the contract for Ojibwa Builders who will be heading up the renovation project of the Donald LaPointe Health Center. The nearly \$1.3 million project will begin in the coming weeks and progress in phases with an August 2010 scheduled completion date. The first phase will include renovating the south first floor area closed since the flood which caused major damage. It is hoped that the area will be reopened by late this year to early next year so that the cramped conditions that are currently going on are fixed. It is important to note and thank all of the staff at the Health Center for doing their best during the past year and making the best of an unfortunate situation.

One important item to note from Sarah Smith's, Assistant CEO's report, is the total of grant funds that have been acquired for FY10 for new programs is approximately \$2.3 million. The grant writers and staff who have worked very hard at accomplishing the acquisition of those much needed funds are to be commended.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop by, e-mail, or call.

Miigwetch,
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

KBOCC:

participants, a welcome by KBOCC President Debbie Parrish, and a pipe ceremony and prayer offered by Donny Dowd, Ojibwa Traditional Leader. After a talking circle where introductions of KBOCC students, staff, faculty, administration, Board of Regents members, and the international recruiters were given, participants attended a luncheon which featured traditional Ojibwa food prepared by the Migizi Wadiswan (Eagle's Nest). During lunch, small group discussions were held at the different tables to learn about what the international recruiters do, how the programs could be incorporated into KBOCC, and what students from other countries could learn about Keweenaw Bay Community College, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and the surrounding area.

Parrish stated, "I was surprised to learn that people from other countries don't realize that

Native Americans exist today. Native Americans aren't a part of the history texts at their K-12 schools."

After lunch, Donny Dowd welcomed questions from the visiting recruiters about some Anishinaabe customs. Participants then shared information about the discussions that they had taken part in during lunch. All of the visiting recruiters were gifted with birch bark baskets and KBOCC mementos, and the recruiters presented the College with a gift from Malaysia. A lot of information was shared by all, including new possibilities for global learning that could enhance student learning at KBOCC.

Parrish stated, "We look forward to welcoming students from other countries in the next few years and hope that our students will be able to share in experiences abroad."

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish



Dear Community:

It is with great sadness that we write this letter, but we thought it best to bring to your attention. Earlier this year, our congregation's "One Great Hour of Sharing" money boxes were taken from the Zeba Indian Mission-United Methodist Church. Also recently, our Yamaha PSR-225 electronic keyboard, which was a gift to the Church from a member who has since passed on, has also turned up missing. We would appreciate any information you have regarding the money or the keyboard. Please call Rev. John Henry 524-7936 or Tribal Police 353-6626.

**"He who seeks good, finds good will... -
Proverbs 11:27**

**The Congregation of the Zeba
United Methodist Church**

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Our Deepest Sympathy

Lori Ann Black

January 14, 1971—November 2, 2009

Lori Ann Black, age 38, of Marquette, MI, entered eternal life on Monday morning, November 2, 2009, at her home. She was born in Marquette, MI, on January 14, 1971, the daughter of Robert and Paulette (Bressette) Kangas. Lori was raised in Marquette and was a graduate of the Marquette Senior High School Class of 1990. Following graduation from high school, Lori worked as a bus driver for the Marquette County Transit Authority (Marq.-Tran) and later spent 14 years working for the U.P. Medical Center as a cook in the snack shop. On June 17, 1993, Lori married Randy Black, and the couple set about establishing a home and raising three children.

Lori was a dedicated and loving wife and mother who spent many days supporting her son's BMX racing. She was an avid pool player and loved representing her team "Shoreline II" while playing in a pool league with her mom. In her spare time Lori was an avid fan of Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and the Green Bay Packers. She will be missed and remembered most for her wonderful sense of humor and kind heart.

Survivors include her loving husband, Randy Black of Marquette; her three children, Jared Black of Dallas, TX; Nick and Samantha Black of Marquette; her mother, Polly (Robert Koski, Jr.) Beauchamp of Marquette; her two brothers, William "Andy" Anderson of Marquette and Robert "Gar" Kangas, Jr. of Marquette; a special aunt, Linda Bressette of Marquette; her mother and father-in-law, Neil "Buster" and Diane Alexander of Marquette; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Seraphine and Clifford Bressette; and her father, Robert Kangas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey, MI, on Thursday, November 5, 2009, with Rev. Ben Paris as celebrant. Memorials may be directed to the family to be used for the Children's Education Trust, 19 Silver Creek Drive, Marquette, MI 49855. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

Donald Vincent Bressette

March 3, 1937—November 16, 2009

Donald Vincent Bressette, age 72, of Dayton, Ohio and former Marquette resident, entered eternal life Monday morning, November 16, 2009, at his home under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Dayton. Donald was born March 3, 1937, in Odanah, Wisconsin, a son of Clifford and Seraphine (Papin) Bressette. Don was raised in Marquette and years later earned his high school diploma from Marquette Senior High School. From 1955 to 1958, Don served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the area and was employed by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company. He later worked in the construction industry at various locations in the Upper Peninsula for Tom Shaw and Pete O'Dovero as a certified plumber and pipe fitter. He retired in November 1998. In retirement seeking something to do with his free time, Don worked as a bagger at the Minot AFB commissary. He also coached softball starting in 1975 for teams such as Don's Girls, Finlandia, Tom Shaw, Remies, Jack's IGA, Minot Air Force Base All Star Team and many co-ed teams. He was also an avid fisherman who enjoyed all that nature had to offer. Don was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie (Hardman) whom he married December 29, 1994, in Marquette; his children, Brian (Connie) Bressette of Deerton and JoDean Bressette of Sawyer, and their mother, Joanne Bressette of Champion, Donna Bressette of Marquette and Traycee Edwards of Lawton, OK,

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and their mother, Janet Bressette of Marquette; and Fawn Bressette (Joseph Alfaro) of Marquette, and her mother, Cathy Paquette; eight grandchildren, Garret (Jenny) Geller, Brianna Lees, Jay Lees, Chase Holzhauer, Jalen Edwards, Jacori Edwards, Cathlyn Bressette and Kylan Bressette; one step-great-grandson, Forrest Maki; two great-grand children on the way; his sisters, Carol (Ken) Peterson of Escanaba, Cheryl Bressette of Ishpeming, Paulette Beauchamp, Sandra Carlson, and Geraldine Bess of Marquette, and Kathy (Kevin) Mercure and Linda Bressette both of Harvey; brothers, Keith Bressette and Glen (Joann) Bressette both of Harvey, Allen Bressette of Marquette, and Michael Bressette of Gwinn; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne "Sam" Brisette; a sister, Gloria Finnerty and nieces, Lori Black and Amber Bressette.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, November 20, 2009, at St. Louis The King Catholic Church, Harvey, MI, with Rev. Ben Paris as celebrant. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
Registered Voters

The General Election will be held Saturday, December 12, 2009. Voters residing in the Baraga District will vote at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building. Polls for the those voters in the L'Anse District will be at the Zeba Methodist Church. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Tribal Council—Baraga District

Jerry Lee Curtis (Inc.)
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.)
Debbie Parrish
Donny Shalifoe, Sr.

Tribal Council—L'Anse District

Susan J. LaFerner (Inc.)
Jennifer Misegan (Inc.)
Eddy Michael Edwards
JoAnne Racette

Chief Judge

Bradley T. Dakota (Inc.)
Paul Smith

Only registered voters will be permitted to vote, as per our Election Ordinance.

Six Students Complete
MICUP Program



The MICUP (Michigan College-University Partnership) program between Michigan Technological University and four Michigan community colleges, including Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, is designed to assist community college students transfer to four year universities. MICUP is sponsored by the State of Michigan's King-Chavez-Parks Initiative and is a seven-week summer program that addresses the opportunities and challenges faced by Bachelor degree-seeking students.

Six KBOCC students participated in the Summer 2009 MICUP program. Each student completed a summer class at Michigan Tech and worked with either a Tech instructor or professional in the field on a student research project. Poster-board presentations of the re-

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search projects were presented this summer at Michigan Tech and at KBOCC.

The research projects completed by KBOCC students included: Environment, Economy, and Society: How They Fit in the Medicine Wheel – **Raymond Cadreaus**; Effects of Road Salting on Water Chemistry and Amphibian Breeding Site Selection on the KBIC L'Anse Reservation – **Christopher Chosa and Georgenia Earring**; Academic Integrity – **Ryan Koski**; Copyright Laws and Music – **Angela Potts**; and Remote Camera Survey of Mammals on Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wetlands – **Ken Spruce**.

Faculty and Staff congratulate the 2009 MICUP students on their accomplishments in the program and extend thanks to Michigan Technological University for partnering with KBOCC to provide this opportunity to our students.

~ submitted by Megan Shanahan

Sign Up Today!

Congress passed special laws so that American Indian /Alaska Native people can get Medicare and Medicaid services at our own Indian health facility.

Enrolling in Medicare and Medicaid brings additional resource dollars into our medical, dental and mental health clinics. This way, we can provide more health care to our people, both new services and services that improve the quality of your care!

Medicare is a Federal Program that helps care for the elderly and disabled. Medicare pays for things like hospital care, diabetes screenings, mammograms, cancer screenings, help with quitting smoking and much more. Medicare provides the shots, tests, and services you need to get healthy ----- and stay healthy.

Medicaid is a state-run program based on family income that helps people who need health care services. Medicaid pays for services like hospital care, lab work, X-rays, transportation, family planning, pediatric care, and early health screenings for your child.

A person can have both Medicare and Medicaid. And your child may be eligible for Medicaid even if you aren't. Check with the local DHS office to learn about the specific services in our State.

Talk to our benefits coordinator, Michelle St. George, today. Michelle will help you fill out your Medicaid or Medicare applications. When you sign up, our clinic can bill Medicare and Medicaid for services provided. When the programs pay for your health care, you help the clinic provide MORE services now and in the future for our Tribe.

Better Health Means a Stronger Community. Get all the benefits you are entitled to---- check with the Benefits Coordinator today!

Miigwetch for your vote in the Primary Election

VOTE December 12th

SUSAN J. LAFERNIER (incumbent)
L'Anse District

Respecting our ancestors and elders' wisdom and vision for the protection and preservation of our Homeland, "Aki" Earth, and "Nibiish" Water to ensure the health, welfare, and quality of life of our people for the next seven generations.

Political ad, paid for by Susan J. LaFerner

Quality Air Care
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*Hepa Filtered
*Video Camera Equipped

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: www.kboha.com

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

During an October 14, 2009, meeting of the Ojibwa Housing Authority, the Board of Commissioners approved the creation of a new business, Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating. This is the latest business created by the Ojibwa Housing Authority. It is in addition to existing businesses started and managed by the Housing Authority. Those businesses include Ojibwa Building Supply, Ojibwa Builders, Ojibwa BP, Ojibwa Car Wash, Ojibwa Laundromat, and now Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating. This new business will initially focus on heating and plumbing repairs for any home on reservation. Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating will primarily use Robert Mayo and Jesse Jones, both Tribal members, to perform most of the work. Robert Mayo has many years of experience, and he and Jesse both recently attended trainings to prepare for this new business. In addition to heating & plumbing repairs, the business can perform many other maintenance repairs that might be needed by your household. We expect that this business will provide a more affordable alternative to normal heating & plumbing rates. If you need heating & plumbing work done at your house or rental, call Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating at 353-6967.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority recently purchased over 13 acres on Heath Drive in L'Anse. Heath Drive is just off of Biltonen road and runs right next to Huron Bay and is within the boundaries of the reservation. The 13 acres housing purchased is directly next to 27 acres recently

purchased by the Tribe. Housing had originally agreed to buy both parcels for future development but the Tribe had already entered into an agreement to purchase the 27 acres. Both parcels are very nice and they have a beautiful view of the Huron Mountains. The one special attribute of the 13 acres housing bought is that the land comes with an easement to Huron Bay. Housing will mark-off that easement and develop it with a boat ramp and a small parking area, so Tribal members can have direct access to Huron Bay. We will work on developing the easement over the winter and hope to have it available for tribal use by spring!

Eddy Edwards, Executive Director
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STUDENTS COMPLETE WELDING & WOODWORKING COURSES



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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is honored to recognize the students who have completed industrial trades certificate courses that have been offered this spring and summer.

Nine students completed the Basic Welding Course in March 2009 taught by Roger Bogda. Those students are: Roger Brodbeck, Joseph Chosa, Corey Goodbird, Kyle Kemppainen, Nate Leinonen, Robert Paquette, Travis Rajacic, Robert Sandquist, and Edward "Tim" White. The 100 hour course was offered



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weekday evenings and some Saturdays in February and March at the L'Anse Area Schools Industrial Education Building.

Three students completed the Woodworking Course in May 2009, which was taught by Mike Nicosia, with assistance from John Filpus. The students who completed are: Robert Campbell, John Jacker, and Nate Leinonen. This program ran weekday evenings from March through May at the Baraga Area Schools Woodshop.



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Five students completed the Advanced Welding Course in August 2009, taught by Roger Bogda. Students who completed include: Steven Baril, Roger Brodbeck, Bobby Eliason, Robert Sanquist, and Edward "Tim" White. The 120 hour course was offered weekdays in July and August at the L'Anse Area Schools Industrial Education Building. All five students also passed the AWS D-1 cer-



**Ojibwa Housing Authority
Rehabilitation Program (Home Repair)**

The Ojibwa Housing Authority application period for the Home Rehabilitation Program will be open from January 4, 2010, through February 25, 2010. This program assists Tribal members who meet program guidelines with needed home repairs. Some of the guidelines are as follows:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, or enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Must own home for a period of at least two years. Must be at or below the Area Median Income Guidelines.

For more information or an application please contact Natalie Mleko at 353-7117 ext. 112.



NOTICE:

To all Tribal Seniors 55-years of age and older, and permanently physically handicapped persons:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. Keweenaw Bay Tribal member;
2. Head of household;
3. Reside on reservation (Baraga Co.);
4. Address and phone number;
5. Proof of age and/or PERMANENT physical disability;
6. Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof of each item listed above or mail information to: Tribal Maintenance Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

Marquette Christmas Party Information:

Senior Dinner
Friday, December 18, 2009
3 p.m - 6 p.m

Marquette Ojibwa Community Building

Teenage Dance
6th Grade - 12th Grade
Saturday, December 19, 2009
8 p.m. 11 p.m.

Ojibwa Community Building

Youth Party
Birth - 5th Grade
Sunday, December 20, 2009
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
UP Children's Museum



**2009 Marquette Youth and Teenage
Christmas Parties**

Planning and development takes people, time, and planning. Please join in the effort to make the 2009 Christmas Youth and Teenage Parties a great success. Meetings will take place at the Marquette Ojibwa Housing Community Building located behind the Ojibwa Casino II on Sunday, December 6 and 13, 2009, 12 pm to 2 pm. Any of your time is appreciated. If you are not able to make any of the meetings, your input can be heard by calling Carrie Ashbrook (906) 250-1018 or e-mail me at: carrieashbrook@yahoo.com.

Students complete welding continued:

tification test through Northern Michigan University.

These industrial trades courses were made possible by a Community Services Block Grant administered by the State of Michigan Department of Human Services and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Congratulations to our students and thank you to our instructors and the organizations that collaborated to make this possible!

~ submitted by Megan Shanahan

**National American Indian Heritage Month
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2009**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION**

The indigenous peoples of North America -- the First Americans -- have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forebears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than \$3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over \$17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA

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